

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:78
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2005
PRODUCTION OF EDIBLE OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding production and import of edible oil in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether the production of edible oil in the country has been declining during the last few years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the production is likely to decline further during the current year; and
- (e) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take to increase the production and check shortage of edible oil in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 78 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 28.11.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The details regarding production and import of edible oils in the country during the last three years are as under:-

(in lakh tones)
Oil Year Net availability/ Import of edible oil
(November production of edible
to October) oils from all
domestic sources

2002-2003	46.64	43.65
2003-2004	71.64	52.95
2004-2005	76.98 (Estimates)	45.42 (Estimates)

State-wise data regarding production and import of edible oils is not maintained.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Question does not arise.

(d) & (e): Steps taken by the Government to increase the production of edible oil in the country include enhanced incentives to the farmers through fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) of major oilseeds, implementation of centrally sponsored Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm & Maize (ISOPOM) in certain States, financial assistance for oil palm development, assistance provided for purchase of breeder seed, integrated pest management etc. Import of edible oils, except coconut oil, has also been allowed under Open General Licence (OGL).